(b) what are the names of the persons who paid the said amount into the secret accountst ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA) : (a) and (b). The Government has seen the article which appeared in the Statesman of 28th January, 1990 under the caption "Swiss Barks no longer Ali Baba caves".

An FIR had been lodged on 22-1-1990 in connection with the Bofors case. On 26-1-1990, the Swiss authorities have frozen six Swiss Bank accounts connected with the Bofors transaction. A Letter Rogatory has been issued to the Swiss authorities on 9-2-1990. Further investigations are in progress.

Resubmission of Bofors files to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India

1686. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has stated that he has not received sufficient material previously and some papers were not furnished being kept away from his office;

(b) if so, whether the said files concerning "Bofors transaction" have been resubmitted to the Comptroller and Auditor General for further scrutiny; and

(c) what are the reasons for resubmitting the said files even when the report has already been tabled ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA) : (a) to (c) In September, 1989, a request was received from Audit to persue certain files of the Defence Ministry, pertaining to the Bofors Contract. It has been decided that the files relating to the Bofors transaction could be re-submitted to the Comptroller and Auditor General, if required by him, as a special case, in view of the nature of the transaction. However, Audit has not repeated its earlier request to be shown the files in question.

Missing files on Bofors

1687. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in "The Week" dated the January 28, 1990 under the caption "A Bofors Recoil"; if so, whether any important files on Bofors are missing, including the next page which Prime Minister had read from the files and placed in the Lok Sabha in December, 1989; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the tendency of the bureaucrats to mislead Government by mis-placing the files; if so, the steps required to stop the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) The report in the news item which appeared in the "The Week" dated 28th January 1990 under the caption "A Bofors Recoil", that certain files on Bofors are missing, is not factually correct. No file or any part thereof, relating to 'Bofors' is missing or has been misplaced.

1688. [*Transferred to the 28th March, 1990*]

Circuses in the Country

1689. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of circuses in the country as on February 28, 1990, Statewise; and

(b) what are the details of the steps taken by Government to encourage circuses in the country and the incentives given by Government in this connection?